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SUBJECT: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE'S CONSULTATION

WITH VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON UNGA

REF: STATE 184584, 185766, AND 192437

BEGIN SUMMARY: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE AND POL COUNSELOR, MET SEPTEMBER 2 WITH ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND OTHER FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS. POINTS COVERED ARE DESCRIBED BELOW. (THIS TELEGRAM PREPARED FOLLOWING BLAKE'S DEPARTURE AND WITHOUT HIS CLEARANCE.) MEETING, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE, WAS FRANK AND FRIENDLY. WHILE THE VENEZUELAN LISTENED MORE THAN THEY SPOKE, THEY TOOK COPIOUS NOTES AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR A HIGH DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TAKING THE TROUBLE TO CONSULT THEM ON A FORTHCOMING UNGA FOR THE FIRST TIME, AS THEY NOTED. END SUMMARY.

1. BLAKE AND EMBOFFS MET FOR OVER TWO HOURS MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 2 WITH ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY IN FONMINISTRY JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ (IN ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY OF DIRECTOR AND FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL) AND WITH INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS CHIEF GONZALO SANCHEZ, LATTER'S ASSISTANT

CARLOS RIOS, AND VICTOR CROCKER, WHO WORKS ON US-VENEZUELAN BILATERAL MATTERS. MARTINEZ DID MOST OF THE TALKING ON THE VENEZUELAN SIDE.

2. UN SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR MSA'S--VENEZUELANS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT VENEZUELA WOULD BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE, NOTING THAT ALREADY THIS YEAR GOV HAS GIVEN \$1.3 BILLION TO INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS, WHICH IS ENOUGH. BLAKE DID NOT PRESS THE MATTER.

3. MIDDLE EAST--NOTING THE RECENT SUGGESTION OF PRESIDENT VELASCO OF PERU THAT LA NATIONS REDUCE THEIR MILITARY BUDGETS, THE VENEZUELANS DISCUSSED THE FINANCING OF THE UN'S PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS, SUGGESTING THAT THE UN IS PRESENTLY NOT HAVING MUCH SUCCESS IN CYPRUS. BLAKE REPLIED BY DESCRIBING AT SOME LENGTH THE UN'S EFFORTS IN CYPRUS, EXPLAINING WHY THE US BELIEVES A SPECIAL UNGA TO DISCUSS CYPRUS WOULD BE A MISTAKE AND NOTING THE PROBLEM OF UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING. THE VENEZUELANS AGREED THERE SHOULD BE NO SPECIAL UN DISCUSSION AND THAT THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES AMONG THEMSELVES.

4. UNRWA--VENEZUELANS STATED THE ROOT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IS THE FUTURE OF THE ARAB REFUGEES, AND THAT THERE IS MUCH SYMPATHY FOR THEM AMONGST THE NEWEST COUNTRIES, E.G., GUINEA-BISSAU. MARTINEZ SAID GOV DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO UNRWA AND RECALLED THE GOV HAD BOUGHT \$400,000 OF UN PEACE-KEEPING BONDS, HAD IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE UN'S RIGHT TO ISSUE SUCH BONDS, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF 33. VENEZUELANS WERE NONCOMMITTAL ON QUERY WHETHER GOV WOULD CONSIDER CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA.

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5. DISARMAMENT--VENEZUELAN ASKED IF THE GA WILL CONDEMN INDIA FOR ITS MAY 18 EXPLOSION OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE. BLAKE RESPONDED ALONG LINES OF PARA 18 OF STATE 184584, NOTING THAT THE US IS ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS WITH THE GOV AND OTHER LA COUNTRIES ACCEPTANCE OF THE NPT. BLAKE ALSO EXPLAINED WHY THE US HAS SIGNED PROTOCOL 1 BUT NOT PROTOCOL 2 OF THE TREATY OF TLA TELLOCO. MARTINEZ OBSERVED THAT THE GOV HAS NOT YET RATIFIED THE NPT BUT INDICATED IT WOULD EVENTUALLY. MARTINEZ EXPRESSED CYNICISM ABOUT DISARMAMENT DEBATE IN THE UN, SAYING THAT THE GOV HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US AND THE USSR, TO SIGN AN NPT AND OTHER DISARMAMENT TREATIES, BUT THAT THE GOV FEELS LITTLE INCENTIVE TO PUSH FOR NUCLEAR AND INDEED ANY OTHER KINDS OF DISARMAMENT WHEN VENEZUELA HAS NO INTENTION OF PROLIFERATING ANY KINDS OF WEAPONS. MARTINEZ FELT THAT UN DISARMAMENT DEBATE IS NOT "SINCERE," AND STATED THAT THE IMPRESSION IN LAST YEAR'S UNGA WAS THAT THE TWO GREAT NUCLEAR POWERS DO NOT WANT ANY OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE "SUPER NUCLEAR CLUB- AND IN FACT WANT TO LIMIT OTHER COUNTRIES IN THEIR POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR ARMS. MARTINEZ EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT US-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. IN REPLY BLAKE IN GENERAL MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 18 OF STATE 184584 AND POINTED OUT THAT IT IS BETTER FOR STATES TO SPEAK OUT IN THE UN ON THIS PROBLEM THAN REMAIN SILENT. BLAKE SOUGHT TO DISPEL THE
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VENEZUELAN'S IMPRESSION (FROM THE PRESS) THAT THE LAST NIXON-BREZHNEV TALKS HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. BLAKE DISCUSSED THE BALANCE OF NUCLEAR ARMS BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR, STATING IT IS BETTER THAT SUCH COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS NOT BE DISCUSSED IN THE UNGA. THE VENEZUELAN'S AGREED.

6. PROGRAM OF ACTION--VENEZUELAN'S RAISED THIS ISSUE, NOTING THE US OPPOSED THE GOV. BLAKE MADE A VIGOROUS EXPOSITION OF THE US POSITION, SAID THE US SERIOUSLY INTENDS TO ATTACK FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS RAISED IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION BUT THAT US CANNOT ACCEPT PRINCIPLES WHICH WE COULDN'T EVEN DISCUSS. US WANTS A PRACTICAL, WELL-VENTILATED PROGRAM OF ACTION, NOT ONE IMPOSED BY THREATS. VENEZUELAN'S APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND US VIEW AND MADE NO COUNTER-ARGUMENTS.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS--BLAKE MADE THE POINTS COVERED IN PARA 14 OF STATE 184584. MARTINEZ SAID VENEZUELA HAD VOTED IN FAVOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE MARCH 1974 ECOSOC MEETING AND IN THE LAST

ILO MEETING. MARTINEZ INDICATED FONMIN SCHACHT MAY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE UNGA, BUT ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS.

8. SOUTH AFRICA--BLAKE EXPRESSED US CONCERN OVER THE EFFECTS OF THE EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE UN. THE VENEZUELAN GAVE THE IMPRESSION THEY SHARE OUR VIEWS.

9. RHODESIA--THE VENEZUELAN ASKED IF THE US WILL PROHIBIT IMPORTS OF RHODESIAN CHROME. BLAKE REPLIED THAT THIS IS UP TO THE US CONGRESS.

10. KHMER CREDENTIALS--BLAKE MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN STATE 192437 AND PARA 12 OF STATE 184584 AT SOME LENGTH. THE VENEZUELAN SEEMED TO CONCERN WITH THE US POSITION AND AGREED IT IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT A POSITIVE RESOLUTION OF THE KIND THE GKR IS CONSIDERING WITH ITS ASIAN FRIENDS.

11. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS VERY CORDIAL MEETING AT FONMINISTRY, MARTINEZ AND SANCHEZ JOINED BLAKE, THE CHARGE, RANDOLPH, AND POL OFFICER REDDY FOR LUNCHEON AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE. A MOST FRIENDLY GENERAL DISCUSSION ENSUED, IN WHICH THE VENEZUELAN'S APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR BLAKE'S VISIT, CONFIDENTIAL

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